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From the Pastor's Desk

After eleven years together it is a little difficult to comprehend what to say in my final newsletter article.

So let me say this:

1. Love your new pastor and family as you have loved Teresa, myself and my family - cherish them and pray for them every day. Moving is never easy and they will need all the support you can offer them.
2. If you have experienced any growth in your relationship with God during our time with you please give all the credit and thanks to God.
3. If any of my words, actions, or inactions have been a barrier in anyway to your spiritual growth I ask for your forgiveness and understanding.
4. My prayer for you is that you will continue to grow in grace to fullness of spirit that is God's desire for you.
5. Thank you for allowing Teresa and myself to serve you over these last eleven years, it has been a blessing which words cannot express.


I know in the years to come our paths will cross from time to time and I will look forward to our chance encounter as friends. Please remember though I am no longer your Pastor and would appreciate your making no request of me to serve you in that way. That season is over and new season has begun.

May the grace of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill your hearts and minds. May God bless you and the congregation of the Murphysboro UMC for many years to come.

Your Servant in Christ,
 Pastor Larry



NOISY MISSION OFFERING In June is going to LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



Reminder The July Compass deadline is June 17th!

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE
 is Wednesday
 at
 10:00 a.m.



1	10:00 AM	AA	11	6:30 PM	Praise Team	20	6:00 PM	GA
2			12	7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon	21	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers
3	7:00 PM	AA Big Book		7:00 PM	Bible Journaling	22	10:00 AM	AA
4	11:30 AM	A-Team	13	4:30 PM	Stephen Ministries	23	3:00 PM	Pastor Larry's Retirement Party - Car (Carbondale Civic Center)
	6:30 PM	Praise Team		6:00 PM	GA		6:30 PM	Executive Council
5	7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon	14	9:30 PM	Feeder of the Pack	24	7:00 PM	AA Big Book
6	6:00 PM	Scouts Round Table		10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers	25	9:00 AM	Precept
	6:00 PM	GA	15	10:00 AM	AA		6:30 PM	Praise Team
7	8:00 AM	Adult Spiritual Formation		10:15 PM	Book Club		6:30 PM	Hospitality
	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers	16		Father's Day	26	9:00 AM	Holy Folders
8	7:30 AM	UMM Breakfast	17		Meals on Wheels Week		7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon
	10:00 AM	AA		7:00 PM	AA Big Book	27	4:00 PM	Stephen Ministries
9			18	6:30 PM	Praise Team		6:00 PM	GA
10	6:30 PM	Children & Youth Spiritual Formation	19	9:00 PM	Nurture & Care	28	10:00 AM	Wesley Walkers
	7:00 PM	AA Big Book		7:00 PM	AA & Al-Anon	29	10:00 AM	AA
11	12:00 PM	Young at Heart		7:00 PM	Staff Parrish	30	Noon	Our Neighbors Table

WHAT ARE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES UP TO?

Faithful Friends, is a class for women of all ages with rotating leaders. During the month of June they will be continuing their video based study -- *Twelve More Women of the Bible* -- with life changing stories for women today based on teachings from Karen Ehman, Lisa Harper, Margaret Feinberg, Bianca Juarez Olthoff, Chrystal Evans Hurst, and Courtney Joseph.

Helping Hands, led by Donna Horniacek, is a traditional Bible Study Class for men and women. The Summer 2019 theme is **A Covenant in Christ Jesus** focusing on how Jesus fulfilled the Law in the sense that it was given full meaning. The first unit - **A Fulfilled Covenant** - reveals a new sign of the covenant for Jewish and Gentile believers, as recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, Hebrews, and Colossians. The second unit - **A Heartfelt Covenant** - gives new meaning and purpose to the Law. The third unit - **Covenant: A Personal Perspective** - focuses on personal relationships between people in 1 Samuel, Ruth, and Ephesians.

Passages, led by Randy Auxier, meets in Room 110 (the Church library). In this class participants delve into in-depth studies of theological themes in Christianity. The class will be on hiatus from April 14 thru July 7 while Randy is in Poland.

Pathfinders, led by Michelle Parker-Clark, will be viewing the DVD *Unbroken*, based on the 2010 non-fiction book by Laura Hillenbrand, *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption*, which tells the story of USA Olympian and army officer Louis "Louie" Zamperini who survived in a raft for 47 days after his bomber crash-landed in the ocean during the Second World War, then was sent to a series of prisoner of war camps.

Seekers, led by Susan Patterson, will begin continuing the DVD study - *The Call: The Life, Ministry, and Message of the Apostle Paul*. Through author, Adam Hamilton, follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

Trailblazers, a class for young adults, focuses on studies about fitting Christ into the big picture.



Meet our new Pastor Danny Motta and family (Karen, Josiah, Asa and Mara)

Above all, I am a lover and follower of Jesus Christ. Raised as a preacher’s kid, I have been a United Methodist my whole life and am very grateful to have grown up in and been nurtured by the United Methodist Church. I met my wonderful wife, Karen, while my family was serving at Niedringhaus UMC in Granite City. We were married in 2002. I finished my undergraduate in Religion with a focus in Biblical studies at Missouri Baptist University and began fulltime youth ministry at Shiloh UMC in 2003. During seven wonderful years of ministry at Sherman UMC (2006 -2013 as Director of Youth and Contemporary Music) my wife and I both felt strongly that God was calling me into pastoral ministry. I completed my Masters of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary in 2017, where I served as Youth and worship director, and Karen as Children’s Director at All Nations UMC in Nicholasville KY.

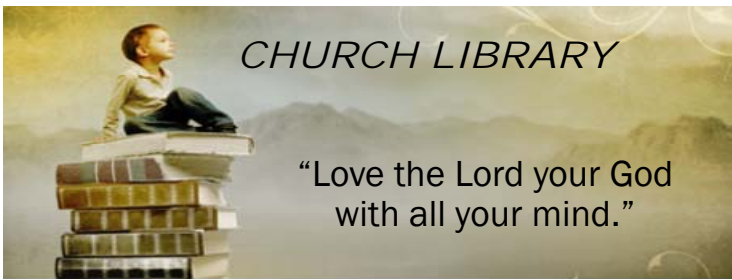
We currently serve at Peoria First UMC where I am an Associate Pastor, leading and preaching at our Contemporary service. In addition to providing primary leadership of our Renew Worship Service, I also work with our Congregational Care Teams, as well as Family, youth and children’s ministries. We have a vibrant, Spirit-filled congregation including traditional services, a contemporary service, a bi-lingual service in Spanish and English primarily for our Hispanic community and a community service primarily reaching the homeless and near homeless in down town Peoria. We have learned so much and been blessed so richly in our time there: praying, worshipping and learning together with this amazingly diverse and vibrant church body. As we near the end of our service here we realize all the more how blessed we have been through these ministry experiences in this season of our family’s ministry.

Since Karen and I began fulltime ministry together in 2003, our family has grown! We have three children - ages 15, 11, and 9 - whom Karen homeschools. Josiah, our oldest, is in 9th grade and is a regular drummer/bass player in the praise band. Asa is completing 5th grade, loves music and acting and is learning to play bass and drums. Mara, our youngest, is finishing 4th grade, loves ponies and all animals. All three study Christian Kung Fu. In addition to being a fulltime homeschool mom, Karen has a passion for working with children, interior design and hospitality. My other passions include teaching Kung Fu, following the Cubs and playing, singing and doing ministry with my family.

Blessings in Jesus’ name, Pastor Danny Motta and family.



5	Barbara & Jerry Giffin	15	Lacey & Troy Brown	24	Rene & Todd Doody
10	Carolyn & Bert Ozburn	18	Susan & Perry Patterson	25	Pat & Arthur Porter
10	Julie & Greg Wachtel	18	Amanda & John Ripley	27	Kathy & Everett Blackwell
12	Vern & Ken Cline	22	Debbie & Paul Chapman	29	Nancy & Dennis Fager
12	Terri & Patrick Yates	22	Jennifer & Rob Graeff	29	Bonnie & Raymond Whitside
14	Carolyn & George Sauer	23	Rosalie & Bob Winters		



The Library Corner: June in Bloom

Blooming flowers, beautiful brides, celebrations of Father's Day and of Anniversaries — they all come with June! Here are a few books from the library that fit the season:

With this ring: promises to keep, by Joanna Weaver. Weaver looks line-by-line at traditional wedding vows, interspersing them with personal stories, scripture and a variety of interesting and inspiring quotes and poems. Truly a lovely look at the vows we make, and the meaning they have. A good book for engaged couples, newly-marrieds and even those who have been married for a while!

Gift from the Sea, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh. This book is a "classic" and for good reason. Lindbergh's writing is exceptional—lovely, and insightful. Lindbergh, married to Charles Lindbergh, and the mother of five, took a vacation alone by the sea and used the sea shells she found as framework for her meditations on youth, age, marriage as an evolving partnership and other topics. Food for thought and an inspiration not to neglect our own contemplative and creative sides.

To Our Children's Children: Preserving Family Histories for Generations to Come by Bob Greene and D.J. Fulford. What do we leave our children and grandchildren? Property? Money perhaps? The authors say that what doesn't get passed along is "a package of memories of a person's life." (p. 1) Wouldn't it be great to preserve some of the memories that only you—or a few—possess about family and the past? This book is organized into chapters of questions meant to jog memories. Don't let the number of questions scare you! View them as options only, let your memories flow and then write or record the answers to the questions that resonate with you. Give it a try!

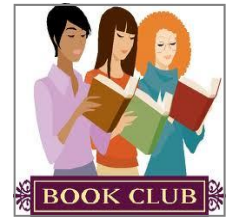
And here's some fiction that seems just right for June:

The Wedding Machine by Beth Hart Webb. Set in Jasper, South Carolina, the wedding machine consists of four matriarchs of the community who have long made sure weddings are done right for the daughters of Jasper. They are friends

from long ago, but when their own daughters get married, maybe things aren't so easy to manage—and the wedding machine may slip a gear or two.

The Art of Arranging Flowers by Lynne Branard. Ruby Jewell is a talented florist who knows her community and who can make floral arrangements that suit the needs and the emotions of customers. It's a wonderful gift, but she can't seem to comfort her own heart, or make herself whole after the death of her much-loved sister. But life holds surprises and perhaps so do floral shops. Sometimes beautiful ones.

MUMC
Saturday
Morning



Join the Saturday Book Club

In the church library

June 15th at 10:15

The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah

France, 1939 In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When France is overrun, Vianne is forced to take an enemy into her house, and suddenly her every move is watched; her life and her child's life is at constant risk. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates around her, she must make one terrible choice after another.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets the compelling and mysterious Gætan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can...completely. When he betrays her, Isabelle races headlong into danger and joins the Resistance, never looking back or giving a thought to the real--and deadly--consequences.

The read ahead book for July:

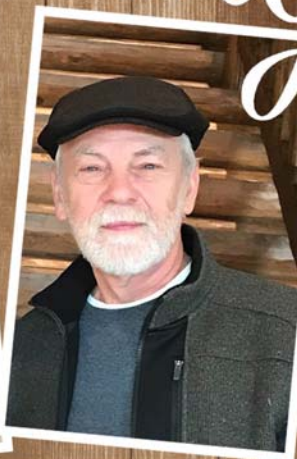
The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees, by Meredith May.



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Retiring



Come celebrate Larry's 40+ year ministry!

JUNE
23
Sunday

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Come and go reception
Celebration service at 4:00 p.m.

Carbondale Civic Center
200 S. Illinois Avenue

No gifts please. RSVP to Teresa at
pathways@teresagilbert.com / 618-521-1917.

Can't attend but would like to send a card?
2575 Edgewood Lane Carbondale, IL 62901



Mission Trip to Nebraska

June 17th-22nd 2019, Schuyler, Nebraska area

On March 15th the Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas area experienced massive catastrophic flooding that they now say was the 500 year flood.

We would like to put a team together to go and rebuild fences in coordination with the University of Nebraska Extension office in Colfax County, Nebraska. For information, contact: Rick Pierson, 618-525-7425,

rickpierson1@yahoo.com



June 11th NOON

In the Fellowship Hall

We will be Celebrating Brides
(wear white)



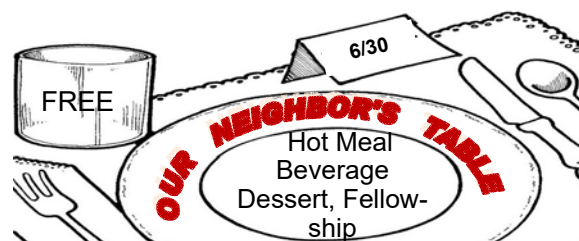
The MENU: Chef Salad w/Crackers,
Mac and Cheese, Bread Pudding w/
Lemon Sauce

Do you know what a luthier is? Ryan Hesketh of Carbondale grew up playing a Guarneri violin his father played in the symphony and as an adult he played this same violin in weddings. Unhappy with the sound, he sought help from a Southern Illinois "luthier" -- which is person who restores violins. This encounter began Hesketh's journey from a casual player to a passionate violin builder and restorer. Join Ryan as he shares his story with Young at Heart.



friends, fellowship, faith.

Young at Heart is a group of senior adults, that meet monthly, on the second Tuesday, for food, fellowship and a program.



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

DESOTO UMC



June 26th - 29th

4:30 - 6:30

Contact Sage Lintner at the Office If you are interested in helping or if your child would like to participate.



Sunday June 30th

We will have a **UNITY SERVICE at 9:30 AM** instead of two services
 District Superintendent Stan Irvin will be speaking
 (There will be no Sunday School this day either)

Who doesn't like ice cream? On Sunday, July 7, 2019, the Nurture and Care Team will be hosting an Ice Cream Social. Please join us from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall as we welcome our new pastor and his family.

Break out your recipe for Grandma's famous homemade ice cream, pick up a gallon of your favorite flavor, or bring cookies, brownies, or other treats to share. And, be prepared for some fun games and entertainment. Hope to see you there!


**Bus Trip to Kimmswick
 Strawberry Festival
 Kimmswick, MO**

Saturday, June 1, 8:00 am

Every year during the 1st week-end in June, Kimmswick is overflowing with fresh strawberries, strawberry shortcake, chocolate covered strawberries, strawberry cheesecake, strawberry iced tea and strawberry wine. Craft and food vendors line the streets as live entertainers perform at several areas throughout town. We will enjoy shopping, lunch at the Blue Owl Restaurant & Bakery featured on Food Network and home of the Levee High Apple Pie. We will depart for home late afternoon. The cost for the trip will be lunch at the Blue Owl, individual purchases, and a contribution toward gas for the bus. **Join us for a day filled with great food, great fun, and great shopping in this historic Mississippi River town!**





Precept Study on 1 Samuel



**Tuesdays, June 25-Sept 3
 Murphysboro UMC
 and Facebook Live**

From judges to kings, from the departure of God's glory to the assurance of His help, from inquiring of the Lord to inquiring of a medium – this book of contrasts sets before us the importance of a life of obedience and how it's lived out in the midst of interpersonal conflicts. Contact Angie Baughman. 618-201-0139, angie_baughman@hotmail.com for more information.

AGAPE HOUSE



**June 15th
 10am to 4pm
 Murphysboro Kroger**

Donations only! A fundraiser to help support the Agape House Youth Program

YARD SALE

**Annual MUMC Summer Yard Sale
for Missions July 26, 3 - 6 pm & July 27, 2019
Church Fellowship Hall/Classrooms**

Drop-off dates for items: Friday, July 19 through Wednesday, July 24th*. Items should be clean and in good working condition, **No cell phones or older large heavy TVs. Computer equipment should have personal data removed.**

(Due to lack of space, NO winter clothes. Please keep them for the Fall yard sale in October.)

*You may come during office hours or call Lynn Pierson, 618-684-3601 for access.



3	Briana Bean	16	Olivia Graff
	Mike Johnstone		William Pierson
4	Susan Patterson		Keylin Wece
	Mason Thies		Raymond Whiteside
7	Sandy Lanzi	17	Don Abbadusky
8	Tracy Hagston		Todd Doody
9	Mason Schingel	18	Jennifer Ellermeyer
10	Evelyn Jackson	20	Emma Bigham
	Kyle Miller		Steve Ticer
	John Ripley	21	Novella Howard
11	Emily Finke		John Hudgins
12	Paula Chapa		Maryjune Rice
	Maggie Jenkins		Madison Ripley
13	Bob Purcell		Makayla Ripley
	Sheila Stewart	22	James Pugh
15	Linda Johnson	25	Carla Quigley
	Clara Kiser	26	Carmen Chapa
	Joan Reagan		Julie Wachtel
16	Cody Ellermeyer	30	Dennis Fager

MEET AND GREET WITH THE MOTTA FAMILY



Beginning in mid-July, our new pastor Danny Motta would like to begin meeting members of the church family in small-group settings of 15-20 people.

If you would be interested in hosting an informal evening with Pastor Danny, Karen and their children in your home, providing light refreshments, please call or text Wilma Westerfield (618-534-1061) or email her at wmwcof@frontier.com.

Please let Wilma know by June 15, if you would like to host an evening with the pastor.

We look forward to showing the Motta family our wonderful Murphysboro Methodist hospitality.

Congratulations to our Graduates!



College - Allen Dillow, Olivia Graff, Bri Sitton

High School - Brianna Berger, Lucas Bigham, Allison Brown

8th Grade - Benjamin Barringer, Ethan Finke



Congratulations to Sharon Graff! Wesley Walker of the month for April (two months in a row)!

During our Friday morning meetings, Sharon accumulated 12,254 steps and, for her efforts, she receives a Dairy Queen gift card! For the months of January, February, March, and April the total steps for all walkers was 165,729 - the equivalent of 83 miles -taking us 4/5 of the way from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The Wesley Walkers meet every Friday at 10 am in the church library for a devotion, then we take to the outdoors for a 30 minute walk, and then conclude with a time of prayer and reflection. Please join us!

Confirmation Sunday April 28th



Caroline Brynn Guthman, Maggie Lynn Jenkins, & Megan Marie McNitt were confirmed on Sunday, April 28th. **Congratulations!**



Sunday, July 14th thru Thursday, 18th

5pm to 8pm (meal included) at MUMC.

Invite your friends we are going to MARS and BEYOND!



MY OWN BOOKCASE

The Fifth Annual Presentation Ceremony for the My Own Bookcase Project was held on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Murphysboro Elks Banquet Hall. Over 130 people gathered as twenty-nine children from the Murphysboro Head Start Program were presented with a personalized, hand-made bookcase and a starter set of books.



As always, seeing the smiles on the faces of the children as they were presented their books was the best part of this project. Working to help the children of our community to have a brighter future gives us all a sense of purpose, and we thank everyone who supported this project! **THANK YOU!!!**



Agape House spent an evening at the Bald Knob Cross of Peace last month where they played games had a picnic and held their worship service . A Good time was had, and all were blessed by the experience

JUNE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS		
	TRADITIONAL	PRAISE
	<u>Worship Leader</u>	
June	Vanessa Lirely	Mary Louise Cashel
	<u>Choir/Music Leader</u>	
	Brianna Sitton	Lacey Brown
June	<u>Prayer Request Reader & Liturgist</u>	
2	Pam Graham	Mary Louise Cashel
9	Nancy Fager	Mary Louise Cashel
16	Gene Schwebel	Mary Louise Cashel
23	Wilma Westerfield	Mary Louise Cashel
30-9:30	Gaye Auxier	
June	<u>Children's Church Leaders</u>	
2	Sage Lintner	Scarlett Pierson
9	Cheryl Smith	Ben & Jennie Snyder
16	Lacey Brown/Rene Doody	Katie Stewart
23	Diane Schingel	Sage Liintner
30 9:30	Diane Schingel/Sage Lintner	
	<u>Ushers</u>	
	Rick Runge, Kyle Quigley, Jim Hughes, Bob Eaton, Trina Eaton and Jay Graff	Will Thomas and Don Abbadusky
TRADITIONAL SERVICE		
June	<u>Welcome Hostesses & Greeter</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
2	Sharon Graff Terri Yates	Landrie Green Maya Jenkins
9	Rindy Eisenhauer Candy Watt	Phoebe Heller
16	Rindy Eisenhauer Candy Watt	Harper Geis Charlie Pierson
23	Barb Hughes Adrienne Will	Jaylah Maynor Justin Maynor
30 9:30	Barb Hughes Adrienne Will	Caroline Guthman Eli Guthman
	<u>STEWARDS:</u> Bob Eaton, Jay Graff, Ron Moutardier	



Service of Recognition of Retirees

At the 2019 Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference, there will be a service of recognition for all clergy retiring from full-time service this year.

The service will be held at the Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Street, Peoria, IL, on Friday, June 7th, 10:30 a.m.

Our pastor, Rev. Larry Gilbert, will be among those being honored at this service of worship and celebration.

All friends and family are invited to attend.



REMINDER:

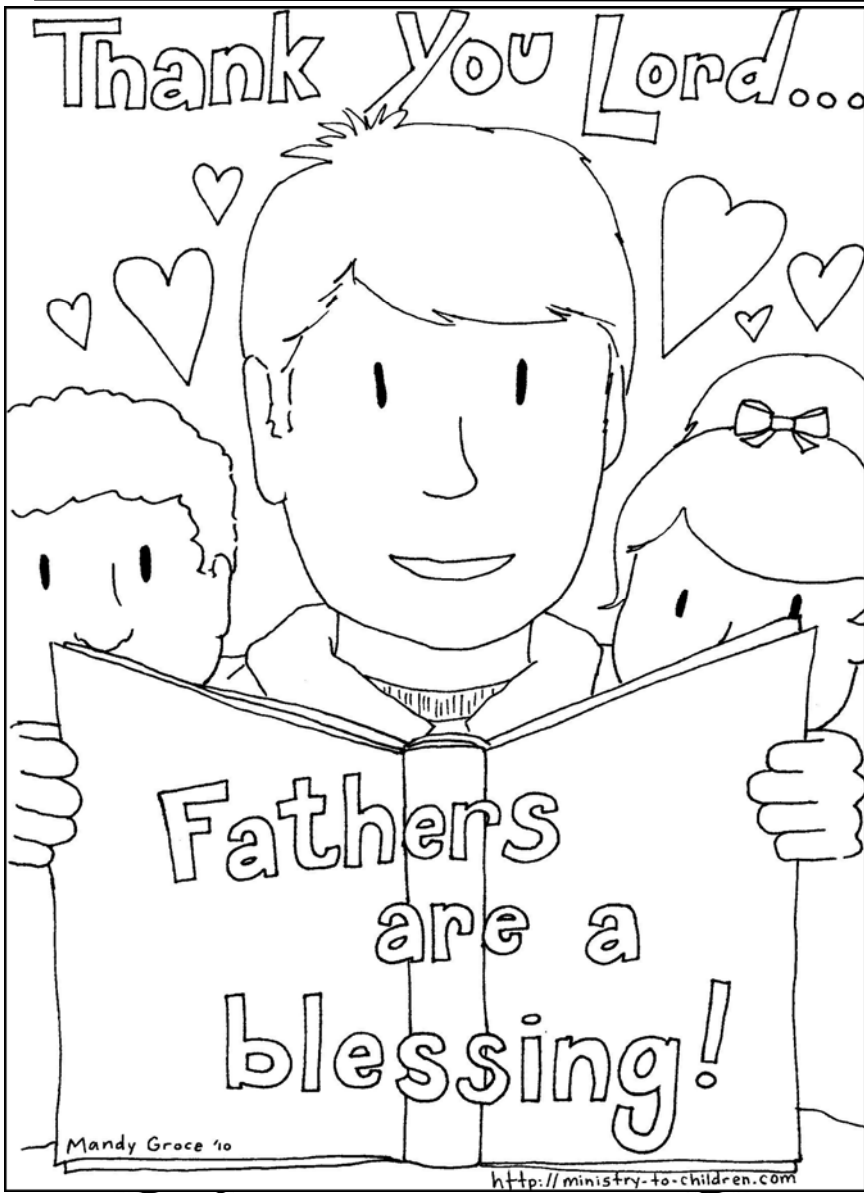
BIBLE JOURNALING YOUR FAITH

Class meets the second Wednesday of every month. Newcomers are welcome! Contact Rosie Wece, 618-559-8167, rwece50@gmail.com or Patti Mills 618-684-5515, deanshield@aol.com for more information.



Saturday, June 8th at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, men of the church will gather for breakfast, devotional, and maybe a work project.

All men of the church are invited to attend.

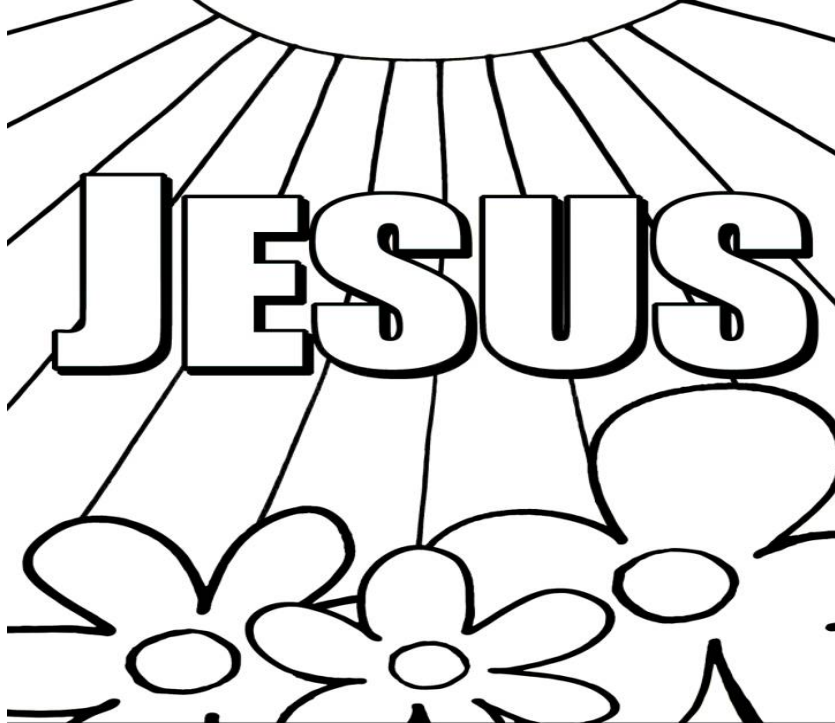


Summer Word Search

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W	G	L	A	M	C	H	M
I	J	M	M	P	Y	Y	Z
M	V	K	B	E	A	C	H
S	U	M	M	E	R	M	S
M	H	O	T	E	B	H	U
K	O	I	G	U	F	U	N
W	A	T	E	R	O	Q	E

BEACH
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SUMMER
SUN
SWIM
WATER



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E-Mail: murphysboroumc@gmail.com
Website: www.crossandflameministries.com



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

MUMC:

Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.
Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

DeUMC:

Agape House: 5:30 p.m. Each Wednesday

Cross and Flame Staff

Ministers..... The Congregations
Pastor..... Larry A. Gilbert
Minister of Visitation Michelle Parker-Clark
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Custodian..... Pat Sullivan

MUMC Site Staff

Ministry Director Michelle Parker-Clark
Church Secretary Melba Ziegler
Ministry Support Asst Lacey Brown
Children/Youth Coord Sage Lintner
Pianist/Organist..... Cameron Taylor
Choir Director..... Brianna Sitton
Nursery Attendant..... Ashlee Sander and Caitlyn Boyd

DeSoto Site Staff:

Children/Youth Ministry Sage Lintner
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